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Corps will test of Weekend Releases from Philpott Dam

The US Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Department of Energy - Southeastern Power Administration, Dominion Virginia Power, and Trout Unlimited will initiate a short-term study of weekend releases from Philpott Dam.

Test releases will be made on weekends over the next 9 weeks beginning July 15, 2006. The tests will help determine if weekend water releases, in addition to the required minimum flows, can lower peak summer water temperatures as predicted by previous computer modeling studies.

Corps officials emphasized this is not a permanent change in the operation of Philpott Dam.

A recorded message providing the weekly release schedule for Philpott Dam is available by calling (276) 629-2432.

Information on Philpott Dam and Lake is available on the internet at <http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/philpott/index.htm>.